

# KEEP THE NEW FOREST TOGETHER!

## STOP the GOVERNMENT'S LGR CARVE-UP!



In a public consultation, 97% voted against splitting up the New Forest District.

But that's what the Government is proposing to do – placing Totton & The Waterside into a new urban authority with Southampton and Eastleigh.

***Sign the petition to stop this!***

- ✗ Local government reorganisation has no mandate – it wasn't in the government's manifesto
- ✗ Government broke its promise that "districts will form the building blocks of new unitary councils."
- ✗ There is no sound financial case for breaking-up the New Forest District
- ✗ ALL parties, except Labour, have condemned this

**SIGN THE PETITION!**



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## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

### 1 **Petition Debate - 13<sup>th</sup> April (CONFIRMED)**

We've secured a full debate at New Forest District Council, a major step forward. Now we need even more signatures to show councillors the strength of public feeling and raise the pressure.



### 2 **Request a Counsel's Opinion.**

NFDC must commission independent legal advice from a specialist barrister who can give an impartial assessment of the legal options.



### 3 **Prepare for Judicial Review.**

If the Counsel's Opinion confirms process failures, NFDC must be ready to take the Government to court via a judicial review.



## We Are NOT Alone

Other councils across Hampshire, including Portsmouth, are exploring legal options. With pressure mounting, could the Government fold on this issue as it has on others? We hope so. It must listen to local people and respect our heritage and identity. Our district has stood together for centuries, it is not for this government to break it apart and place large areas, including parts of the National Park, within a city-centred authority boundary.

### Why It Matters

- Threat to community identity.
- Urbanisation and citification of our area.
- Breaking fundamental promises make to the public.

### How You Can Help

- Share the petition
- Write to your councillors
- Spread the word locally
- Support us at the full Council meeting at 6:30pm on the 13th April at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst, SO40 0SP

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